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For: TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE COVERS

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicant's representatives would like to thank Examiners Blackwell-Rudasil and Turner for extending them the courtesy of a personal interview on 29 October 2003 to discuss this case. The following recordation of the substance of the interview is believed to be complete and proper, in accordance with MPEP 713.04. It is requested that the Examiner notify the undersigned if the Examiner believes this Interview Summary contains any inaccuracies or is otherwise not complete and proper.

Interview participants: (1) Examiner Gwendolyn Blackwell-Rudasil; (2) Examiner Archene Turner; (3) Applicant's representative, Eric Snustad; and (4) Applicant's representative, John Dolan.

No prototypes or specimens were shown during the interview.

Claims 1-53 were discussed during the interview.

The following prior art was discussed during the interview: (1) United States Patent no. 5,302,449 (Eby et al.); and (2) United States Patent Application Publication no. 2002/0176988, (Medwick et al.).

No agreement was reached during the interview.

Following are the proposed amendments that were discussed during the interview:

The possibility was discussed, with respect to claim 1, to indicate that the temporary protective cover is stable in the presence of water and is durable to glass tempering, that the selected washing fluid is a weak acid or a weak base and that the cover breaks down in the presence of the weak acid or weak base, the substrate being installed in a position wherein the exterior surface of the substrate is exposed to an outdoor environment, in accordance with certain embodiments of the invention.

The possibility was discussed, with respect to claim 1, to indicate that the temporary protective cover is stable in the presence of water, that the selected washing fluid is a weak acid or a weak base, and that the cover breaks down in the presence of the weak acid or weak base, the cover being formed of sputtered metal oxide, and the substrate being installed in a position wherein the exterior surface of the substrate is exposed to an outdoor environment, in accordance with certain embodiments of the invention.

The possibility was discussed, with respect to claim 1, to indicate that the temporary protective cover is stable in the presence of water, that the selected washing fluid is a weak acid or a weak base, and that the cover breaks down in the presence of the weak acid or weak base, the cover comprising a metal oxide selected from the group consisting of zinc oxide, bismuth oxide, cadmium oxide, iron oxide, and nickel oxide, the cover having a thickness of at

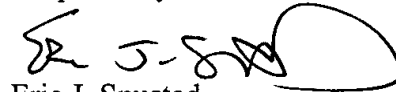
least about 25Å but less than about 100Å, the substrate being installed in a position wherein the exterior surface of the substrate is exposed to an outdoor environment, in accordance with certain embodiments of the invention.

The general thrust of the principal arguments made was that the cited references fail to disclose a temporary protective cover of the claimed nature (e.g., of the claimed materials or the claimed thickness ranges) that would be used on a substrate mounted in a position where the exterior surface of the substrate is exposed to an outdoor environment, or on one of the unprotected external surfaces of an IG unit, or on a major surface of a substrate bearing a low-emissivity coating on its other major surface. Similarly, it was noted that the cited references fail to disclose a temperable protective cover that would be used on a substrate mounted in a position where the exterior surface of the substrate is exposed to an outdoor environment, or on one of the unprotected external surfaces of an IG unit, or on a major surface of a substrate bearing a low-emissivity coating on its other major surface.

No other pertinent matters were discussed during the interview.

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Respectfully submitted,



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